

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-DECEMBER 8, 2003

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 8:04 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P Beck Municipal Building immediately following the Special Meeting of the Town Council.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes of November 24, 2003.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ann Jordan, 243 South Eagleville Road, read a letter for her husband William A. Jordan regarding the ordinance of possession of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age. He is in favor of this ordinance.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Amendment to Fee Waiver Ordinance

Judith Heald, from the Social Services Advisory Committee spoke in favor of this amendment to include the after school program at the Community Center. At its latest meeting the Advisory Committee spoke in favor of it. She urged the Council to approve the amendment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2. Amendment to Fee Waiver Ordinance

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that effective December 8, 2003, to adopt the Fee Waivers Ordinance, Chapter 122, Article III of the Mansfield Code of Ordinances, as proposed by staff in its memorandum dated December 8, 2003, and which amendment will become effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

3. An Ordinance Regulating Possession of Alcohol by Minors

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective December 8, 2003, to adopt "An Ordinance Regulating the Possession of Alcohol by Minors" as proposed

by staff in its draft dated December 8, 2003, and which ordinance will become effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Mansfield.

Sargent Darcy, Resident State Trooper, Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services, Leigh Jones-Bamman, a member of the Regional Coalition supporting Youth, Gary Najarian, Project Coordinator for CT Coalition to stop underage drinking, and Chuck Leavens, Counselor at EO Smith High School, each spoke in support of this ordinance.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to amend the ordinance to read under Section 2, Definitions B. "Host" shall mean to organize a gathering of two or more UNRELATED persons.....and under Section 4. Hosting an Event or Gathering Restricted....unless such minor is accompanied by or is in the presence of, OR HAS PERMISSION of his or her parent.....

Roll call vote on the amendment:

Bellm Yes,

Blair No

Clouette Yes

Haddad No

Hawkins No

Paterson No

Paulhus No

Schaefer No

Thorkelson Yes

Amendment to the Motion failed 3 Yes and 6 No.

Mr. Schaefer called the question

Vote by voice on the motion. Motion passed to accept the ordinance.

Mr. Bellm voted No and Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

4. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

No action necessary.

5. Department of Parks and Recreation Program Fee Structure

No action taken.

6. Underage Drinking, University Spring Weekend and President Austin's Task Force on Substance Abuse.

No action taken.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

7. December 22, 2003 Town Council Meeting

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Ms. Blair seconded to cancel the regular Town Council meeting scheduled for December 22, 2003.

So passed unanimously.

8. Mansfield Community Center-Facility Use Fees

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the facility rental rates for the Mansfield Community Center, as proposed by the Director of Parks and Recreation in his memorandum dated December 4, 2003.

So passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTSVIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEESIX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor visited SouthEast school and spoke on her position as Mayor of the Town. She read several letters from the students thanking her for her time and comments.

X. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 10, the Connecticut Legislative committee will be meeting in the Community Center to discuss 'Smart Growth'. This is the General Assembly's planning and development committee discussing how much public support exists for bills that address sprawl and property tax reform.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Parking at the Community Center.

XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. The Hartford Courant-"Tighten Rules on Drinking"
10. Mansfield Conservation Commission re: University of Connecticut Hazardous Waste Comparative Site Study
11. Planning and Development Committee re: Informational Hearings
12. P. Hempel re: Mt. Hope Bridge Project
13. Traffic Accident Surveillance Report-Mansfield and other area locations
14. The Day "State Educators Push for More Preschool Programs"
15. L. Hultgren re: Updating Priority List of Walkway Projects
16. C.van Zelm re: Comments on New Town Center
17. The Journal Inquirer-"Group Picked to Develop UConn Commercial Center"
18. The Daily Campus "Future Development of Campus Discussed"
19. Urban Partners-Technical Memorandum: Downtown Mansfield Municipal

Development Plan Market Study

20. UConn Master Plan Advisory Committee November 5, 2003 Minutes

21. UConn Students Living on Campus at Storrs 1985-2003

22. The Willimantic Chronicle-"Mansfield Community Center is an Instant Hit"

23. Mansfield Conservation Commission re: Albert E. Moss Sanctuary

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:56 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk